

**LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Special Called Meeting

AGENDA

Lumpkin County Courthouse
Conference Room
Dahlonega, Georgia
February 21, 2007
5:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. NEW BUSINESS

- Board of Commissioners Letter to EPD
 - City of Dahlonega draft Surface Water Withdrawal Permit

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. ADJOURN

Chairman Gooch

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE
LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

February 21, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. in the conference room of the Lumpkin County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Stephen Gooch, John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Raber moved to accept the agenda as presented. This motion was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Board of Commissioners Letter to EPD

City of Dahlonega draft Surface Water Withdrawal Permit

The Chairman stated that the purpose of this meeting is to decide if the board wants to take action concerning EPD special conditions. The choice is between doing nothing and hoping for the best result or expressing the board's objection about conditions set out in the EPD letter.

It is the Chairman's opinion that if the EPD letter stands as is the County will have no choice but to go to the use of wells. He thinks that the EPD is expecting a response. A particular concern is that the EPD document makes reference to restrictions being put on all water supply watersheds in Lumpkin County and not just those upstream from the reservoir. Water and Sewerage Authority Dudley Owen's position is that the board needs to respond in a tactful manner regarding their objections. However, he said it is his opinion if the County does not respond it will be assumed we are in agreement with the EPD letter.

Commissioner Hutcheson said that she wants to make clear that the first document presented to Chairman Gooch, herself and other members of the core group was presented by the Technical Committee. They talked about a "cafeteria plan". It is the Chairman's opinion that another public hearing should be held once EPD states definitively what they want from the County. The purpose of the hearing will be to determine what citizens will accept. There is a meeting Friday, February 23, 2007 after which Chairman Gooch thinks it will be clearer what the EPD is really expecting.

The board will provide input to the County Attorney who will then circulate via e-mail a draft response to the EPD. A special called meeting will take place Monday, February 26, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. to finalize the response. Casey needs input from board members by this weekend so that he can draft the document for Monday's meeting.

There followed a brief discussion about the upcoming judgeship meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

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Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Clarence Stowers. All district commissioners concurred. Motion carried.

3-15-2007
Date

Stephen W. Gooch
Stephen W. Gooch, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Ruth A. Bohac
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Clerk, Lumpkin County